

Idaho Law Enforcement, Firefighting and EMS Medal of Honor

Rules And Qualifications For Awarding

I. Nominations

All nominations for the Idaho Medal of Honor (Idaho Code §§ 67-8801 through 8805) must be submitted in writing and to the Medal of Honor Commission (**Chairman, Idaho Medal of Honor Commission, c/o Idaho Attorney General's Office, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0010**). All nominations must be presented on a form supplied by the Commission. The nomination may include relevant attachments. All nominations for the May 2006 ceremony must be postmarked by February 21, 2006. **Nominations must be endorsed by the chief law enforcement officer of the department of the nominee, fire chief, or head of the nominee's EMS agency, as applicable.** Any and all documentation, pictures, testimonials, or affidavits must accompany the nomination.

II. Qualifications

All nominees for the Idaho Medal of Honor must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) The nominee must be (or must have been, at the time of the event) a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS provider. For the purposes of considering nominations for the award and as used in these rules, these terms are defined in the Idaho Code.
- (b) While in the performance of duty, the nominee must have performed with exceptional meritorious conduct which may have resulted in death or serious injury.
 - (1) The term "seriously injured" means: (a) an injury that causes great bodily harm which creates a probability of death, or (b) that causes significant permanent disfigurement which causes a significant permanent loss or impairment of the function of any body part or organ.
 - (2) "Exceptionally meritorious conduct" means while performing or fulfilling their responsibilities as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS provider, they distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their life above and beyond the call of duty. It involves risk of life and is an act of bravery, a self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above their comrades.
 - (3) "While in the performance of duty" requires more than the

officer, firefighter, or EMS provider being on duty. Rather it requires that they were acting in their official capacity and performing a law enforcement, firefighting, or EMS function. It means he/she was acting in his/her official capacity or was killed because of his/her employment as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS provider.

- (c) The performance of the foregoing must have occurred while the nominee was undertaking enforcement action when acting in the line of duty or fulfilling their responsibilities as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS provider.
- (d) Where the nominee has not been seriously injured or killed, the nomination must detail how the officer while acting in a law enforcement, firefighting, or EMS capacity performed exceptional meritorious conduct protecting life and property of another.

III. Nominating Process

- (a) For 2006 awards, **all nominations must be postmarked by February 21, 2006**. The nomination must be addressed as specified in Paragraph I, above.
- (b) The awards will be given during Law Enforcement Recognition Week of each year.
- (c) All nominations must be endorsed by the chief law enforcement officer, fire chief, or head of the nominee's agency.